



Summer 2 2026 Newsletter



Thursday 16 July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year! It has been another jam packed year!

Achievements and tests

We have lots of positive news with our **Reception GLD** (Good Level of Development) score being much better than last year with 49% compared to 36% last year. There is still a long way to go to get to national levels which we will always work hard to get to.

Our **phonics results** were also better than last year - in fact our highest for a few years at 75% passing the check. Our Year 4 did brilliantly again, in their **multiplication check results** with 45% passing the check which means we did better than national levels!

We haven't had the **SATS** results out yet as there has been a delay with the company that marks the tests but I will share these with Year 6 parents as soon as they are released.

Analysing the results from this year's SATs, at **least 15 pupils** did not achieve their expected result and had attendance below 96%. It is so important your child attends school everyday. Lost and missed learning is incredibly hard to recover.

We also achieved the **School Games Silver award** this term which shows our work towards increasing pupils' physical opportunities.

Staffing changes

We will be saying goodbye to the following staff and wish them the very best for the future:

Teachers - **Mrs Smith, Mrs Heap, Mrs Mann**

Teaching assistants - **Mr Butterworth, Miss Warsame**

Mrs Smith will be retiring after giving over 30 years of service to the St Agnes community. She has taught many many children, some of who are parents themselves now and come to St Agnes and taught by Mrs Smith! I am sure you will share with me in wishing her the very best in her retirement.

Mrs Heap is going abroad to teach in Dubai!

New staff joining the team in September are:

Teachers - **Mr Howe** (Year 5), **Miss S Chowdhury** (Reception), **Mrs Dale** (Year 6)

Teaching assistants: **Mrs Majeed (Star group), Mrs Punniyakoti (Nurture group) Mrs Shah (LKS2) and Mrs Rahman (EYFS)**

Please see the last page for an updated staff list for the next academic year.

St Agnes Summer Carnival

We had another amazing turnout for our best ever St Agnes Summer Carnival Fair! It was a very hot day but there were lots of happy faces and prizes being given out. A huge thank you to Mr Green, our staff and their families and volunteers who made the day so special for everyone! We raised nearly **£2450**! This will go towards making next year's event even better as well as resourcing play and school equipment for pupils.



School uniform

A reminder to all our families to ensure children **must** come to school in the correct school uniform. This is part of your **home school agreement**. Wearing the same uniform gives all a sense of belonging and pride in unity.

We are still seeing lots of pupils wearing incorrect uniforms and PE kits. Please be aware from next year, messages will be sent to parents/carers to provide the correct uniform or we will provide an item from the lost property box.

Shoes must be black and **not** trainers.

Also, if any of our Year 6 leavers would like to donate their school uniforms, we can reuse them, so please drop them off at the office. Please click [here](#) for more information.

PE kit -

- **White** t-shirt/polo shirt
- **Black** shorts/PE skirt
- **Black** leggings
- **Black** jogging bottoms for outdoors
- **Black** pumps
- **Black/White** trainers for outdoors

Loose headscarves are **not** safe for PE - these should be tight. The permitted colours are black, green and white.

School bags

A reminder that **all pupils** will be expected to have a St Agnes school bag to carry books, and belongings. The school bags are available at the office and more have been ordered as we have had a few parents already following this rule. Make sure names are written on the tags!



Big Backpack £15



Medium Backpack £10



Satchel £7



PE Bag £2

Curriculum News

Nursery

Nursery have had another amazing half term finishing off with their first school trip to Reddish Vale farm. The children showed outstanding behaviour as our youngest ambassadors and we are very grateful for all the parent helpers supporting us to make this possible. This has supported their work through their topics on **animals** and **growth** and **change** and given them a lovely way to celebrate the end of their first year at St Agnes. Well done Nursery!



Reception

Reception have had a lovely and extremely busy half term. They went on a trip to Blackpool Zoo, **planted seeds**, **explored** various animal **life cycles**, took part in Sports Day, St Agnes Has Got Talent and graduated Reception! We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic Growth and Change!



Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had a wonderful time this term, including an enjoyable trip to Formby Beach, where they explored the **natural environment** and created lasting memories together. They have also worked incredibly hard in their **phonics** learning and successfully completed their phonics screening check. We are very proud of the **progress** they have made and the **enthusiasm** and **resilience** they have shown throughout the year.



Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic term, highlighted by a trip to Smithills Farm that brought their **Geography** lessons to life through real-world experience, including watching a live cow milking.



They developed their **Science skills** by growing and caring for plants, while also learning about **kindness** and **respect** through the story **Grandad's Secret Giant**. The staff are incredibly **proud** of the enthusiasm, confidence, and resilience the children have shown throughout this year's learning journey.



Year 3

We've had such a busy time this term with all our learning, swimming and Sports Day! We've enjoyed learning about **William Shakespeare** and we've read one of his most famous **plays, The Merchant of Venice** which was really exciting. We had a great trip to **RHS Bridgewater** where we learned all about different types of plants and insects which **pollinate** them. We even had the chance to plant our own peas! Have yours grown yet?



Year 4

We have had an amazing last term of Year 4. We have explored lots of new information about the **Vikings** and our new book **Blue John**. We have had the privilege to go to Birchfields park this term. We had a lovely time in the sun exploring the park and the playground. Finally, from all the staff in Year 4 we want to congratulate everyone for their amazing results in the Times Table test!



Year 5

We have had a wonderful last half term in Y5! We have been busy learning about the '**golden age**' of Islam and understanding the **impact** the early Islamic **civilisation** has had on the world today. As well as this, we had a great 'School's Out for Summer' **reading** event, where we were presented with two books to keep and enjoyed a bit of reading-related fun in the sunshine.



Year 6

After a busy start to the half term finishing our writing portfolios, year 6 has been focused on the transition to high school. We have been learning about **Marco Polo**, the **Silk Road** and **global trade**, as well as studying light in science.

They had a wonderful meal at Sanams and Graduation event

We cannot even begin to express how proud we are of our Year 6 cohort this year, we will be sad to see them go and we wish them all the very best for their future as St Agnes role models! **Make us proud!**



Star Group

We have had a lovely last half term where some of our children have been working hard making **arrays** in maths and some of our older Star Group children spent an afternoon making pita pizzas to enjoy, don't they look yummy?



Attendance and Punctuality

Please see the attendance figures for each class for the whole year. Sadly, not one class has achieved over 96.6% attendance! Compared to last year this year is slightly better. The government (DfE) expects us to be above 93% and we are just below it at the moment. The impact of this can be seen in our results where children who had below 90% attendance, academically achieved **much lower** than those who had attendance above 95%. We are below Manchester and nationally - this has got to improve - as every day a child misses school they miss out on learning. **111 pupils** had more than 19 days of absence which is nearly **3 weeks**!

Please note you will be charged £5.00 for late collection of children.

Summary of 431 Pupils

Attendance percentage

School	92.4%
National	94.7%
Local Authority	94.4%

15-18 days missed

School	49
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19+ days missed

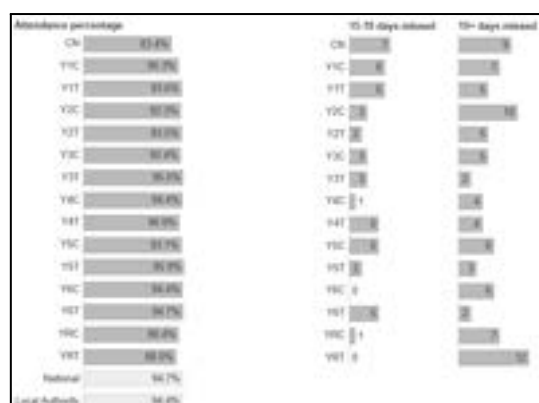
School	87
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Absences

- 7.6% overall absence
 - 4.9% authorised
 - 2.7% unauthorised
- 26.0% persistent absence
- 41 pupils unauthorised absent for 10+ days

Absence Patterns

- 46 pupils have been repeatedly late or absent on the same day
- 224 pupils have been absent before or after a school holiday
- 10 pupils have recently worsened from previous good attendance
- 58 pupils have recently improved from previous poor attendance



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This summer term, we have had at least 27 children away. This has meant our attendance this year is 92.0%. Please make sure attendance at school is our shared priority for next year and let's get to our target of 96.6%!

Last day of school is **Friday 17 July at 1:30pm.**

School gates will open on **Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 8:40am.** Remember the gates will close at 8:50am, so please bring your children before this time. See you at the gates!

On behalf of all at St Agnes, I wish everyone in our community a restful and blessed holiday, and to our lovely Year 6 pupils, the very best in their next journey!

Mr Uddin and the St Agnes Team

Who's who at St Agnes 2026-27			
Senior Leadership Team			
Headteacher Mr Uddin DDSL	Deputy Head Mr O'Keefe DSL/Curriculum/Assessment	Assistant Head Miss Brown Upper KS2 lead/ Teaching & Learning/English	Assistant Head Mrs McCutcheon Inclusion/SENCO/DST (mat leave until Oct 25)
Teaching Team			
Class	Teacher	Support staff	HLTA
Nursery	Mrs Milner-Davey (maternity) Miss Croton (maternity cover)	Miss Carroll Mrs Rahman	Cover
Reception Circles RC	Miss S Chowdhury	Mrs M Ahmed	
Reception Triangles RT	Mrs Chowdhury	Miss Sayed	
Year 1 Circles 1C	Miss Lord (KS1 phase lead)	Mrs Zulfiqar	Mrs Khan
Year 1 Triangles 1T	Mr Duncan	Cover	
Year 2 Circles 2C	Mrs Ali	Miss I Ahmed	
Year 2 Triangles 2T	Mr Lovatt	Mrs Bibi	
Year 3 Circles 3C	Mr Real	Mrs Hasan/ Mrs Baleani	Miss Begum
Year 3 Triangles 3T	Mrs Haggart (LKS2 phase lead)	Mrs McClenaghan	
Year 4 Circles 4C	Miss Russell	Mrs McCormick	
Year 4 Triangles 4T	Miss Hewat	Mrs Majeed (WThF)	
Year 5 Circles 5C	Mr Howe	Mr Opie	Miss Gunning
Year 5 Triangles 5T	Mrs Charlton (M-Th); Miss Brown (F)		
Year 6 Circles 6C	Mr Lammas		
Year 6 Triangles 6T	Miss Ryan		
Year 6 Squares 6S	Mrs Dale		
Nurture Group	Mrs McCutcheon	Miss Hulme, Mrs Saeed, Mrs Shah	
Star Group	Mrs McCutcheon	Mrs N Ahmad; Mrs Punniyakoti,	Mrs Leigh
Intervention/1:1 Staff: Mr Butterworth; SEMH - Mrs McClenaghan			
Administration & Ancillary Staff			
School Business Manager (SLT): Mrs Bukhari	Finance Officer: Mrs Uddin	Attendance Team: Miss Owen (Lead; DST) Mrs Blackett - support	Admin Team: Mrs Blackett,, Mrs Kaur
Facilities Manager (SLT): Mr Green	Lunchtime Organisers: Mrs Bano, Mrs Nadeem, Mrs Singh, Mrs Mohamed, Ms Lyons		Cleaning Staff: Mrs Banton, Mrs Akram; Mrs Mohamed, Mrs Kaleelur-Rahman, Mrs S Chowdhury